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February 10, 1965

WELCOME!!! WELCOME!!! WELCOME!!! WELCOME!!! WELCOME!!! WELCOME!!! WELCOME!!!

TO

DR. WILLIAM S. STEWART, DIRECTOR

After almost six months of teaching, plant collecting, visiting other horticultural institutions, attending meetings, spreading goodwill and, in general, enhancing the reputation of our Department, Dr. Stewart arrived at his desk on Monday, February 8. From the letters we have received we know that his time has been spent well, and we are looking forward to hearing about his splendid adventures. We have heard only a little so far about his visits to Scotland, his travels through Russia, including a visit to Moscow and botanic gardens all over Mother Russia, and, finally, through Afghanistan and Pakistan to BR College, Pichpuri (Agra), India. Dr. Stewart collected plants in the foothills of the Himalayas, visited Ceylon, and came home via Bangkok, Japan, and Hawaii. It is suggested that one does not ask him about what Indians use to heat their homes or the odor derived therefrom! Also, please don't offer him mutton! In any case, WELCOME HOME, DR. STEWART!!!

If the Gatehouse (that was) Gang might be difficult to locate at the moment, our dispersal does not diminish the warmth of our pleasure in seeing you back 'safe and sound.' After all, Doctor, our rains are very transient!!

From Gertrude

The Youth Education Section reports hyperactivity for January. Descanso reports 51 children registered in Garden Workshop classes and 43 in Nature Programs. Sixty are registered at Lasca in Horticultural Workshops. Forty-eight in Nature Programs and 31 in Special Education. The latter includes a new class of 20 Educationally Handicapped from the Monrovia Elementary School - a new State sponsored program seeking helpful activities for emotional children with average abilities or better. The retarded groups from San Gabriel Schools now have a flourishing garden of their own at school.

On February 6 the Arboretum Foundation visited the Lasca Youth Center and observed a new Gardening class in action.

We are grateful for their interest and the services extended through them. One Foundation member, Mrs. Nancy Zabriskie, is giving 10 hours a week doing anything from laminating bulletin board pictures to potting plants, and is about to teach a class of Indoor Gardens after observing and assisting one such course for 6 and 7 year olds.

Of the seven Lasca Docents who met in December and started training January 6, two will begin serving as leaders of School Field Trips this week.

INVITATION! Come and bring your children to the Arbor Day festivities: Friday, March 5, 1:30 p.m. at Descanso; on Saturday, March 6 at 10:00 a.m. at South Coast; Saturday, March 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Arboretum. Cassia leptophylla seedlings, the latest Arboretum introduction, will be given to every child 4 to 14 years of age.

Swan and geese are noisily contesting the upper Lagoon nesting sites. Large flocks of wax wings, robins, lark sparrows, and pipits are going through. Three hand raised valley quail have been with us this month at the Arboretum and are at home in the bird feeder - and walking through the garden plots with the students showing us what is best to plant - for quail!

From the Foundation

The Foundation is looking forward with anticipation to two major events in the near future. First on the agenda is the "Day at the Races" on Thursday, March 4. Non-members pay $5.50 admission and Members pay $2.00; then next will be Dr. Stewart's lecture at 8:00 p.m. March 26. He will talk on India and will show many interesting slides of his trip. All staff members are cordially invited. To defray refreshment expenses a 50¢ admission for staff and spouses will be charged. Guests, $2.00 each.

From Maida - History

Many interesting and outstanding paintings and sculptures are now on display in the Carriage House Museum. The artists exhibiting are: Ben Abril, capturing the nostalgia of Bunker Hill, Los Angeles; Rex Brandt, depicting with reverence and awareness nature in immediate environment; Karl Huessenstamm, reaching for the light of beauty within, such is his sculpture; and Emil Kosa, Jr. expressing on canvas his love and enchantment of life. Come - give yourself a treat - enjoy the beauty of these fine artists.

From Lydia - Library

Recent arrivals in the Library are:

BIBLIOGRAPHIES -

Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Books for gardeners 1963 (1000 entries)

Sharsmith, Helen. An annotated reference list to the native plants... and some ornamentals of California 1964

USDA. Selected list of American agricultural books in print and current agricultural periodicals 1963

OTHER ARRIVALS:

Bancroft. History of California, Vol 1 1964 reprint

Boekenoogen. Analysis and characterization of oils, fats, and fat products 1964

Gardner. Wildflowers of western Australia 1959

Gilfillan. Home gardening in Southern California 1964

Griffin. Camellian 1964

Kingsbory. Poisonous plants of the United States and Canada 1964

Plants and Gardens Magazine. Entire autumn 1964 number is devoted to dye plants and dyeing

USDA. Protecting trees against damage from construction work 1964

Van der Plank. Plant diseases: epidemics and control 1963

From Bernice - Business Office

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT to keep retirement beneficiaries UP-TO-DATE. Whenever divorce, marriage, remarriage, or deaths occur it is usually necessary to change beneficiary. This is the sole responsibility of each employee and a letter should be written to the Retirement Board making the necessary change. Give the name of the Department, the name of employee, employee number, and the change to be made.

From the Social Committee

ELECTION REPORT!!! New Committee representative are Dolores Hubble, Dan Martel, and Elbert Turner (South Coast). Holdovers are Frank Simerly and Bobby Vargas for Descanso and John Valadez; Lee Wakeman, and Ham Williams for the Arboretum.

Coming Event at Descanso

Saturday, February 27 from 12:00 noon to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, February 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. will be the Los Angeles Camellia Council Camellia Show at Descanso Gardens. Admission is free.

Over one-hundred-thousand camellia plants and six-hundred varieties will be at the height of their bloom at Descanso Gardens during February and early March.

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Children's Education

This week Los Angeles County is richer by 3,500 trees, Eucalyptus Forrestiana, acacias, and Japanese maples that were placed in the hands of children at your Department's Arbor Day ceremonies.

Lasca reports 1,600 attending the Forecourt planting of Rhodosphera and the very special program keyed by Virginia Baldwin of Los Angeles Beautiful who was a very brilliant emcee.

Descanso Gardens gave out 1,200 acacias and maples at Friday afternoon's ceremony. Mr. Ralph Van Wagner gave a fine presentation of Arbor Day history.

At South Coast 600 participated in their third annual celebration emceed by the 'Great Gildersleeve' in person.

Spring classes are registering at Descanso and Lasca. South Coast has received a generous check for materials to begin a Youth Education program. Where that kind of smoke is showing look for a flicker of flame soon. T'is the season for growth!

Library Listings

Brown Commercial trees of Louisiana 80 p 1964
Bush-Brown America's garden book 752 p 1958
Champion A preliminary survey of the forest types of India 204 p 1961(reprint)
Fischer The flora of the Lushai Hills 86 p 1938
Library of Congress Union lists of serials 150 p 1964
Lothian and Holliday Growing Australian plants 166 p 1964
Savile Collection and care of botanical specimens 124 p 1962
Spriegel Elements of supervision 349 p 1957 (Note: this is an excellent summary of the subject)
Stahelin and Evard Forest and forest industries of Brazil 50 p 1964
Zukel A literature summary on maleic hydrazide 111 p 1963

From Foundation Office

The Foundation is looking forward to Dr. Stewart's lecture, "Report on India," on March 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Admission charge for staff members and their spouses will be 50¢ each. Guests will be charged the regular price of $2.00. We hope to see many of you on this date!!

The Foundation Book Shop is now offering a wider range of books, post cards, and gift items. You are welcome to come in and browse. The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. seven days a week.

Spring is Sprunging

Per Mr. Halvorsen: For wild flowers, a one day trip to Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens, 1500 North College Street, Claremont, during March or April, take the San Bernardino Freeway to Indian Hill Boulevard turnoff, turn left on Indian Hill Boulevard to Foothill, turn right and get in the left lane to turn where you see sign pointing to left, "Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden." No picnic facilities but Griswold's Smorgasbord, just west of Indian Hill Boulevard on Foothill has a delicious luncheon, reasonably priced.

For a two day trip, take Freeway 395 to Escondido, then Highway 78 through Julian for ceanothus in full bloom on Julian Grade, March or April. When you get to the Anza Desert, stop near the first ocatillos you come to in order to walk to the left, especially to see the "belly plants," the tiny reproductions of just about every flower you can name, then turn right at Keene Springs to Brawley for an overnight stop. Cat & Fiddle Cafe has excellent food reasonably priced. Take road to El Centro and watch for sign on the left side of the road reading "Imperial Valley Tubercular Sanitatium" and turn left. When you get to the next Sanitarium sign turn left, just in front of it which puts you on a huge black-topped, deserted airfield. Drive to the right to the

to the end of it. On the left side take the short dirt road to a black-topped road out to the second large black-topped, deserted airfield. Drive to the end of it, but do not drive off the black top. There are miles and miles of sand dunes covered with every type of wildflower you can think of. On the return, go toward El Centro and Holtville. At Holtville turn left and go part way on the road to Yuma for big displays of wildflowers on either side of the road. Turn around and come back through Industrial City and Beaumont to see the cherry orchards in bloom. Home by way of the San Bernardino Freeway. AND DON'T PICK THE WILDFLOWERS!!

Some This and That

Dan Martel of Plant Records became a patient at Queen of Angels Hospital for an operation to remove some bone from his ear. At this printing we hear he is doing as well as can be expected.

Frances Raitt of Descanso now has another duck; a mate for "Peeper." Yours truly suggests the name "Pooper" for the new one and then - - the ducklings could be called "Poopees."

Jerry Schlegel, Descanso Gardener, is back from his tour of duty with the Army in Germany. Welcome home, Jerry!!

The Los Angeles County Employees Association passed the 29,000 mark, according to General Manager E. C. Holmes. The new total, an all-time record, represents about 70% of all full-time County employees. This Association is the largest of its kind in the nation. Its purpose is "to advance the health, comfort, morale and welfare" of Los Angeles County employees.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT. While property values have gone up 75%, the County tax rate has risen only 35% in the last ten years.

Nearly 94% of all money budgeted by Los Angeles County is for mandatory functions required by State law, according to the Los Angeles County Employees Association. These mandatory functions include probation, welfare, courts, and jails.

LIAISON WITH STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND ON INDUSTRIAL INJURIES.

Please instruct all supervisors and employees that all inquiries or individual cases made to the State Fund should be channeled through their Personnel Officer, Industrial Injury Clerk, or other functional unit assigned this responsibility in each department. For assistance and advice in any case call the Chief Administrative Office, Safety and Disaster Services Section, Madison 5-3611, Extension 64158. If this procedure is not followed it will be necessary to instruct the State Fund adjustors to refer all personal calls from County employees back to the department.

From the Office of L. S. Hollinger

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From the Foundation

The Foundation Office wishes to announce - the Cymbidium Orchid plants are now on display in front of the Gatehouse and the price has been reduced to $10.00 per plant. These are fine specimens, many in spike and bloom. We feel sure that staff members and their friends will want to take advantage of obtaining orchid plants at this reduced price.

Our office is happy to have a new co-worker Edna Kettle, who will be working for C.A.F. part-time. WELCOME, Edna!

The C.A.F. Book and Gift Shop has added to the inventory a full line of Sunset Books, plus many fine books on gardening and horticulture. Come in and browze, there's sure to be something that will interest you.

Library Listings

Beebe Pheasants; their lives and homes 2 vols 1926 (has a 45-page account of peafowl, the most famous pheasant; and many color illustrations)
Burnett Orchid diseases 57 p 1965
East Whittier School District The outdoor education guide 118 p 1962
Harborne Biochemistry of phenolic compounds 618 p 1964
Hutchinson The genera of flowering plants 516 p 1964
Jensen Siftings 145 p 1956 (landscape architecture and philosophy in pleasing proportions)
Munz Shore wildflowers of California, Oregon and Washington 122 p 1965
Parham Plants of the Fiji Islands 353 p 1964
Perry's Plants, Inc. Available trees-1965 (nursery listings; first such list; tells where plants may be obtained, but includes both wholesale & retail nurseries)
Roesel Insecten-Belustigung 4 vols 1749 (interesting 18th century illustrations)
Rutgers College Pesticides-1963-economic poisons (guarantee tables) 30 p 1964
Smith Flowers and ferns of the Muir Woods 32 p 1963
Veitch Hortus veitchii 542 p 1906
Williams Recreation places 302 p 1958 (planned recreation areas)

Burro - Burrowings

Pancho is temporarily enjoying his leisure at a horse farm with six females multiplying the burro breed.

Lolita is expecting again and will be away until after the "blessed event."

Pancho returns in June after the corral is repaired.

The New Exhibit "Pioneers Abroad" will introduce the travels, activities, and accumulated goods for commerce and personal pleasure of the various important groups resident on the old rancho.

If you've not seen the present exhibit, do so before it comes down this month.

Down the Educational Area

The creaky noises around the Children's Gardens these days are made by 8" icicle and 2" sparkler radishes pushing each other out of the rows! Chard leaves could be used for umbrellas in a pinch and one forgotten turnip in the pea patch will measure 6" in diameter. Pea pods are almost popping and cabbages groaning with growth.

This is the effect of rain on gardens!! On people it is different! First they are joyful, excited, happy and love it - then they are tolerant, say how good it is, worry some and wonder how long it will last - then they are damp, cross, tired of upset routine, finally just bored and frustrated - then they settle down and enjoy it.

The black swans came off the nest March 22 with four cygnets. Now there are only two but they seem sturdy and well.

Arizona hooded orioles are back and also the Rufous and Black-chinned hummers.

Spring classes are underway despite some rainy-day cancellations. Indians and Rancherias are off to a great start meeting in the wickiups snug and dry even without central heating.

The first pilot run of four school field trips is now scheduled for South Coast Botanic Gardens, the first activity of the Youth Education program at that facility.

About Salaries

This is the time of year that the combined Salary Survey of wages paid in private enterprise and other governmental jurisdiction is made, computed, and evaluated. This is also the time of year that special interest groups, taxpayer association, etc. most often seem to criticize proposed salary increases for County employees. Therefore, we should be particularly careful to do our jobs in the best manner possible. Unfortunately, some citizens view our job as soft and cushy, and one from which firing is an impossibility. Perhaps its time that we, as County employees, demonstrate to our friends and neighbors that we are as capable in the performance of our jobs as are our counterparts who work for private industry.

When you hear the annual hue and cry about salaries and "lazy" County employees tell them a little about the job you are responsible for and remind them too, that you do not have many of the advantages of other groups - i.e. - a paid health insurance program - dental program, overtime pay, Christmas bonus, collective bargaining, etc. Yet these and many other benefits are most often available in private industry and the few extra days a year in holidays do not compensate for the benefits others receive. Tell them also that you do not set your own salary and that it is based exclusively on prevailing wages in private industry in accordance with the County Charter which they approved years ago. Further, remind them it is a simple economic fact that the costs of any government goes up if sub-standard wages are paid because of increased turnover and additional training costs; also the reduction in the ability to attract best qualified personnel and much less efficient administration of County business can result.

From Los Angeles County Employees Association

'Annual Aggie Awards Won by County Employee Groups' is announced. The results of its Achievement Awards are: Most Outstanding Delegation was won by the County Public Library delegation; second the County Health Department; and third Arboreta and Botanic Gardens.

Seemingly Lost and Forgotten - b u t -

The following people were elected to represent the Arboretum at the Los Angeles County Employees Association Council meetings for 1965-66:

Jack McCaskill - - - - Chairman
Marge Wood - - - - - - Vice-Chairman
Boyd Keith - - - - - - Alternate
Harold Martinez - - - Alternate

At the first Employees Association Meeting of New Council Members and Alternates which was held Thursday, February 25, 1965 at the Administration Building, our Department was most amply represented by Lee Wakeman representing Management and Jack McCaskill, Boyd Keith, and Marge Wood representing employees.

Last year's department representatives through their superb efforts, committee woek and perfect attendance, brought back another award from the Association. This is the second time in the same number of years that the Arboretum has won such an honor. This is due to the keen and perfect workmanship of our representatives Boyd Keith and Jack McCaskill.

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May 10, 1965

Gatehouse Greetings

Minu Isa, mon Pere, Mein Vater, Fader vor, mi Padre, Papa-san and OLD MAN LOU! ! !

WELCOME HOME! After that UN greeting, let's be serious - you have been prowling back yard fences long enough, ducking shoes in the form of tornadoes, getting bunions from the snow, wetting your little pinkies in melting slush. It is about time you started acting like Little Boy Blue - Blow your horn! The sheep (the Gatehouse gang) are in the meadows, and the cows (The Foundation gang) are in the corn! It is moughty, moughty good to have you back, but now - GET TO WORK.

Frank Halvorsen, now ex-Head, Arboretum Information, asked to use this medium to reach everyone to say, Hail! and Farewell! He is still so high on Cloud 9 over the tremendous Retirement Party put on for him, and the wonderful gifts all participated in giving him, it would take an astronaut in orbit to bring him down. Even more tremendous than the material gifts, he will have the warmth of wonderful friendships to keep him comfortable as he "makes like a jackrabbit" in hopping from one country to another.

Gertrude's Glad Tidings

School field trips have begun at South Coast Botanic Garden as of April 20, 1965. The subject is Nature and Conservation with special emphasis on multiple land-use and the worth of a botanic garden to a greater community.

Two women of the community are taking responsibility for these pilot tours given for evaluation by the Los Angeles City School District, Mrs. Phyllis S. Norris and Mrs. Marie Kaplan of Portuguese Bend. In addition to training for field trip leadership they are printing Botanic Display Labels for the East Bank trails. Mrs. Kaplan also gives a great deal of volunteer time to propagation for the Gardens.

Mrs. Nancy Zabriskie, California Arboretum Foundation member started her third workshop on Indoor Gardens on April 22nd.

Tak Niiya reports that at long last the Descanso Childrens Greenhouse is complete with thermostatic control. A class of teenagers will put it into full use during the summer sessions.

Sunset Magazine has been photographing the gardening activities of children at the Arboretum and also will carry the notice of the Summer Classes in the June issue. Registration by mail will begin June 1st.

The Arboretum Docent group has contributed over 110 hours of work the past few weeks. They have conducted 6 School Tours, done propagation work for the Research Section, several hours of routine office work; and served in the Foundation Shop as well as giving 15 hours to Youth Education Gardening work.

From the Foundation

The Annual Meeting of the Foundation members will be held at 3:00 P.M. on May 18, in the Lecture Hall.

We would like to remind those of you who are orchid fanciers that we still have some cymbidiums for sale at $10.00. The revenue from these sales will go toward the Peacock Pavilion Fund.

From South Coast

News from Don Woolley at South Coast that a check in the amount of $2,500.00 has been given by the Bert Noble Foundation to install a completely equipped greenhouse 16' x 25' and that the Dominguez Fertilizer Company has donated 1,000 tons of gypsum. Wonderful news, Don. We hear you are really going to town with little funds with which to work.

From the County Employees Association

The 29,000-member Los Angeles County Employees Association pledged its full concurrence with the County's Chief Administrative Officer, Lindon S. Hollinger, in efforts to save the taxpayers $5 to $7 million a year by opposing mandatory unemployment insurance for County Employees.

J. Miller Leavy, Chairman of the LACEA Legislative Committee, declared: "In effect, the County would be paying tax dollars to subsidize unemployment benefits in private industry."

Library Listings

Bernstein - Salt Tolerance of Plants 23 p 1964
Corbett & Sisler - Plant Virology 527 p 1964
Cummings - Deer-resistant Plants for Ornamental Use n p 1963
Knowles - Safflower 51 p 1965
Kumlien - The Friendly Evergreens 237 p 1946
Nielsen - Introduction to the Flowering Plants of West Africa 246 p 1965
Norwalk-La Mirada City School District - Science Instruction through the Effective Use of the Outdoor Environment - A guide for teachers 1964
Simonds - Landscape Architecture 244 p 1961
Small - Ferns of the Southeastern States - 517 - 1964
Stewart - Cattleyas A handbook on their culture 24 p
Triggs - Formal Gardens in England & Scotland Folio in 3 parts 1902
Utah State Dept. Public Instruction - A Guide for the Teaching of Biology 44 p 1963
Wilson - China --Mother of Gardens 408 p 1929

Donors

The Blood Bank will be open in Arcadia May 17th at 2:00 - 6:30 P.M. at the American Legion Hall. In La Canada the Blood Bank will be open at Foothill Intermediate School, 1100 Foothill Boulevard from 3:00 - 7:30 P.M. We need donors in the Arboretum Department, even though we have a champion donor, Don Graf, who has donated 1 gallon blood to our blood bank in the last 22 months. Good Work Don, take it easy. For appointment to go to the Blood Bank call Bernice McKeene and she will arrange for the time and place. Also donors may go home after the appointment.

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PICNIC PICNIC PICNIC PICNIC PICNIC PICNIC PICNIC!!!!!!!!!

Come one! Come all! For those of you who attended last year's Departmental Picnic, you will remember what a wonderful time was had by all at the exclusively reserved grounds of Monrovia Nursery. Again, they will be our hosts this year. It is our most sincere hope that everyone will reserve the date - July 25, 1965 - for this delightful family event. Last year those who attended enjoyed hamburgers, chili dogs, pickles, olives, potato chips, soft drinks, ice cream, and other goodies. For adults and children there was swimming, badminton, cards, an auction, and a spirit of conviviality for all. A special treat for the children this year will again include a "pinata" and games planned and conducted by Bob Vargas.

An addition to the menu this year will be chicken and homemade salads for all!!! Drawings for prizes will be held throughout the day. Prizes include two transistor pocket radios, a bottle or two, plant material, soil amendments, a gift from the Foundation, etc. For your tickets to this drawing please see one of your Social Committeemen.

NOTE: For those of you who do bring friends please try to get whatever extra tickets you may need for the drawing as food and prizes do cost money.

Library Listings

Arizona University Technical reports on the meteorology and climatology of arid regions, 1956-1964
California University The selection and preparation of flowering plant specimens 6 p 1963
Dalmat The black flies of Guatemala 425 p 1955
Featherock, Inc. Busch gardens landscaping spectacular (San Fernando Valley) 4 p 1965
Flitters Design and operation of a bioclimatic cabinet for simulating variable temperature, humidity and light conditions 12 p 1964
Guppy Observations of a naturalist in the Pacific - plant dispersal 627 p 1906
Holt George Washington Carver 342 p 1943
Johnson The families of cycads and the Zamiaceae of Australia 51 p 1959
Kilby Cultivation of tung 15 p 1964
Martinez Plantas medicinales de Mexico 656 p 1959
Rudd Pesticides and the living landscape 320 p 1964
Salmon New Zealand flowers and plants in color 203 p 1963
Wallace The biology of plant parasitic nematodes 280 p 1963
Wild Flower Preservation Society List of dealers in native seeds and plants (various states)
Wilson and Nilsson Forest fire research in California, an annotated bibliography, 1923-1961 48 p 1962

NOTE: DOES ANYONE HAVE STRAYED LIBRARY ITEMS? RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION DIRECTORY YOSHIMURA AND HALFORD-THE JAPANESE ART OF MINIATURE TREES AND LANDSCAPES

From the Business Office

The new salary raises will become effective July 1, 1965. Most of us will receive a two and three-quarter percent (2 3/4%) raise. In most cases this will not amount to enough to change the Earned Salary Advance (the check we receive on the 25th of each month), so the August 10th check may be the first check with the new amount.

From the Foundation Office

The Annual Membership Meeting of the California Arboretum Foundation, Inc. was held May 18, 1965 at the Arboretum. More than one-hundred members attended and after the business meeting enjoyed the showing of "Greenbelt, U.S.A," a tour of the grounds, and delicious refreshments served in the Demonstration Gardens by Mrs. Donald Lunoe and the Social Committee of the Foundation.

The plant distribution to members were Arctotheca calendula, Cassia leptophylla and Calothamnus validus. Those present received one of each plant.

Mrs. Dolores Hubbell wishes to thank the Arboretum staff members who were so very cooperative to help make this meeting a tremendous success.

Descanso Gardens Reports:

At the going to press of the Delascan be it known that Lou Kalinowski is in the hospital undergoing surgery. We are sure that all members of the staff wish him a speedy recovery.

The opening of the Festival of Lights will be on July 1, 1965 at 7:30 p.m. This is a truly beautiful and spectacular arrangement of outdoor lighting and very worthwhile making the trip to Descanso Gardens to view.

Youth Education Reporting - G. Woods

Descanso Youth Education is reaching out. With Tak Niija's leadership, the La Canada Schools are undertaking a new summer program called Science Outdoors for grades 6, 7, 8. Forty children are enrolled and with their teachers will meet every morning 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Hospitality House for six weeks. Two mornings every week, Tak will conduct a field study trip up the Conservation Trail into the mature chaparral. On alternate days they go with their teacher into Native Plant Garden or up Nature Trail and do classroom projects. It is certain that these boys and girls will have an altogether new concept of watershed values and the balance of nature.

Tak also has a smart 9 X 12 greenhouse in operation with heater - cooler and humidifier, and has constructed cement slabs at greenhouse entrance, and garden gate on which he has built a 14' work bench with laundry tubs for washing and bunching vegetable and cleaning tools.

Lasca's Spring classes are over. Corn, pumpkins, and gourds are taking over the gardens. Summer classes are nearly filled, though there is room for some of your 12 to 15 year-olds in Patio Gardens and in an all new Jr. Museum course which will do some renovation of the Nature Museum. There are also a few vacancies in classes of Life in the Lagoon. More 10 to 12 year-olds can join this one, so spread the word around of this golden opportunity for your youngsters or your neighbor's youngsters.

A new "classroom" has been set up under the cupania tree - by courtesy of Marty's gang of cutter-uppers. All new modern furnishings - i.e - one and one-half sections of fragrant natural air-conditioning eucalyptus logs and SHADE!!

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Latest News From Descanso Gardens

Your editor is sorry to report that early in this month a report came in from the Gardens that Scotty Raitt had suffered a heart attack and was rushed to the hospital. At this writing the latest news about his condition is no change. Our best wishes and sympathy are extended to Frances Raitt and our hopes that Scotty will soon show some improvement.

Sometime early in the morning on July 7 Descanso Gardens had unwanted visitors. Some burglars (how many we do not know) broke into several buildings and took money and property. From the Department's standpoint an irreplaceable loss of Chinese stamps were among articles taken.

This unpleasant happening comes at a particularly bad time for Descanso's staff as they are currently involved in staging the most beautiful night lighting show ever held at the Gardens. All employees and their families will miss interesting displays of illuminated pools, fountains, waterfalls, miniature gardens, garden furniture, and hundreds of different types of garden night lighting, including low voltage lights that can easily be installed by the home owner if they do not make a trip to the Gardens before August 15. The Gardens are open during the show until 10:00 p.m.

Following ground breaking earlier in the spring, contractors have now started work in earnest in the construction of the teahouse complex located southeasterly from the main administration building. The Descanso Gardens Guild's dream of such a teahouse and oriental garden should cease to become a dream and instead a reality by early fall.

From Los Angeles County Employees Association

COUNTY EMPLOYEES SEEK "PARITY" WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY BENEFITS: A plea for "parity" with private industry has been made by the Los Angeles County Employees Association, in presenting requests to the Board of Supervisors to update lagging fringe benefits for County employees. LACEA General Manager E. C. Holmes cited the following as prime examples of benefits which prevail elsewhere but are not received by Los Angeles County employees:

1) A County contribution to employee-paid Health Insurance programs. In requesting at least $8 a month to defray the skyrocketing costs of medical care, Holmes said approximately 90% of private industry and California counties already contribute to employee health plans, as do State and Federal governments.

2) Premium pay for overtime. Holmes proposed that County employees be paid time and a half for woek in excess of 8 hours per day or 40 hours per week. Overtime pay has long been the prevailing practice in most private industry, as well as in the 25 largest public jurisdictions in California.

3) Four-week vacation after ten years of service. Holmes said four weeks are already provided after long-term service by the City of Los Angeles and many other public jurisdictions.

Pointing out that principal County fringe benefits are far below those prevailing in private industry, Holmes stated: "If the public hopes to continue to attract and get in top-calibre employees, inequities must be eliminated."

ATTENTION!!!

Speaking of Opportunity only knocking once, (then moving on) the subject of the Suggestion Box is up for discussion and it might be noted that one might win $100 for his clever suggestion, as pin money for vacation or a quickie trip to Las Vegas just for fun. In writing this suggestion, as requested by the Management, one has an opportunity to help oneself as well as the Department and fellow employees. Your good suggestion can mean extra dollars!! Come on THIMK!!!

From the Foundation

To benefit the Peacock Pavilion Fund the Foundation is sponsoring a luncheon card party on Tuesday, July 13. We wish it were possible to have all the staff attend but we have invited the "girls" of the staff to be our guests for lunch. Thank you all for your continuing cooperation in the various Foundation activities.

If any of you ever take a "postman's holiday" and visit the Arboretum on the weekend, stop in the Foundation Book Shop at the Gatehouse. Ruby Miller will be happy to show you some of our items - we have a varied selection of interesting books. You are welcome to come in and browse.

From the Business Office

Whenever an employee drives a County car and in any way has an accident or injury he must make out the Employee Report of Accident which is found in every County car in the glove compartment. This must be turned in to his supervisor or the Business Office to Bernice McKeen.

From Lee Wakeman

Recently several employees have been injured in the course of their duties and therefore it should be pointed out again how important is is for all employees to report their injuries, regardless how minor, to their supervisor IMMEDIATELY prior to their seeking or obtaining any medical treatment. The employee will then be referred to an emergency physician whose name appears in the County Directory of Physician and Medical Facilities. An employee who has been receiving medical treatment for an industrial injury and desires to change physician must first request the approval from the State Compensation Insurance Fund. He may do this by having the Industrial Injury Clerk Bernice McKeen call for him or the employee may call the Fund himself at DU 5-1531. Failure to follow such procedures of notifying your supervisor of such injury or failure to report to an authorized doctor can allow the County to refuse to pay your bill.

Enclosed with your paycheck is a data processing card with the procedure to follow when an industrial injury accurs. Please retain this card for ready reference.

Recently the Board of Supervisors adopted a policy that would prevent County employees from suffering loss in salary should they be required to serve on superior or municipal court juries. In lieu of future and more detailed instruction all employees should act in accordance with the following procedures: 1) An employee who receives a notice of jury duty selection should bring the notice to the personnel office at once. 2) If the Department feels that the employee should be excused from serving, a Jury Service Exemption form will be completed and forwarded to the court involved. 3) The employee will be required to take a Jury Qualification examination regardless of whether or not the employee is later excused from actually performing jury duty.

P I C N I C

From the Social Committee

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There will be BARBECUED CHICKEN, HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, COLD DRINKS, and much, much more for all those who come to the yearly picnic for all employees on July 25 from 12:00 noon until _ _ _ _ _ who knows? There will be swimming and sporting events for adults and children. Tickets for prizes (2 transistor radios, a painting by Gerry, etc.) are 25¢ or 5 for $1.00. Come one come all!!

From the Gatehouse

The Gatehouse or "batchelor's haven" has recently been invaded by Al Krueger who broke a long standing tradition by getting married at Lake Arrowhead on June 19. The Gatehouse crew has benefited immensely from this display of courage - his new wife makes the BIGGEST AND BEST lunches in town.

Library Listings to be continued August 10.

Leadabrand A guidebook to the San Bernardino Mts. of California 118 p 1964
Leadabrand A guidebook to the sunset ranges of Southern California 144 p 1965
Cyphers Fruit and vegetable arrangements 128 p 1963

Library

D E L A S C A N

August 10, 1965

We should like to call attention (before we go any further) to one of the outstanding events of the last two years which is now being held through Sunday, August 15 at Descanso Gardens. Since the days are warm and the evenings balmy do leave your easy chair and take an evening ride to these delightful Gardens and view the Second Annual Nightlightling Show. Time your arrival so that you will be at the Gardens no earlier than 8:20; depending on crowds of visitors viewing time will take between 20-40 minutes. Closing time is 10:00 p.m. The back lighting, patio lighting, waterfalls, fountains and pools completely change the beautiful slyvan setting to a fairyland of lights and fountains.

It is well worth you while and what's mare, there are only reruns on TV.

Personnel Peeps

We are happy to inform you that "Scotty" Raitt is improving a little every day. Good Luck, Scotty!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Ed Hartnagle on his promotion to Senior Nurseryman. Hope you like the new title as well as the new job.

WELCOME BACK TO MARGE WOOD!! We are happy to hear her cheerful laugh again.

From the Foundation

The latest issue of Lasca Leaves on "Problems of Western Garden Soils" is just off the press and for sale in the California Arboretum Foundation Book Shop for $1.25 per copy. This issue contains a tremendous amount of helpful information for both professional and home gardeners. Get your copy soon!

Circle September 17 on your calendar as a date to remember. The first of the Foundation Lecture Series will be held on that date with Paul Hutchinson of the Botanical Garden, Department of Botany at University of California, Berkeley, as lecturer. His subject will be "Plant Collecting in the Andes of Peru." More details on this in the next issue of the Delascan.

Social Committee Soundings

Over 300 employees and their relatives attended the annual Departmental picnic held at Monrovia Nursery on Sunday, July 25. In spite of a rather overcast day with cool temperatures, most of those that came said that "this was the best one ever." Chief Chefs, Francis Ching and Jess Tomory did yeoman jobs in cooking 50 large frying chickens over hickory coals. Taste tempting and tantilizing aromas poured over the nursery and most everyone's tongue was savoring the flavor long before they bit into that delectable chicken. Ham Williams was responsible for what the Committee hopes will be his "annual chili" for the hot dogs and the hamburgers. He also furnished a huge pan of barbecued beans. The Martels furnished a Waldorf salad and those wonderful "Foundation Girls" not only furnished two kinds of salad (potato and cole slaw) but served everyong, adding interesting comments and jokes throughout the afternoon. Others who's help the picnic would have found difficult to do without were Bobby Vargas and his wife who made and supervised the Pinata breaking contest for the children; the workers who brought barbeques, set up chairs, loaded and unloaded trucks. In general, these folk "just made everything work out right" Ron Hayton, Ralph Hubble, John Valadez, Elbert Turner, Garner Engel, Ham Williams and his friend, and many, many more who helped in a large or small way and who deserve credit for their labor.

Some of the prizes won include two 8-transistor radios, 4 bottles of spirits, 4 six packs, a beautiful framed watercolor painting donated by Gerry Patten, some wonderful plant material, 2 1-lb cans of coffee, pens, soil amendments and plant chemicals. As usual the auctioning off of surplus picnic items brought spirited and competitive bidding and everything that didn't walk or talk was sold. Simerly and Wakeman did their usual job in this regard.

Those that went swimming said the water was just the right temperature!

The Social Committee would like to remind you that the next really big event is the Christmas Party to be held Saturday evening, December 11, 1965 at the Legion Hall in Pasadena. Plans are already being formed for this exciting event and everything seems to indicate that this year's will be even bigger, better, and <u>less</u> expensive than last year's. All new employees be certain to reserve this date and ask either your Social Committee or another employee about the dinner, dancing and entertainment. It's a must!!!

Library Listings

Eifert Tall trees and far horizons 1965
Foley Gardening by the sea from coast to coast 1965
Garven Wild flowers of North China and South Manchuria 1937
Gleason and Cronquist The Natural geography of plants 1964

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Summer Library Acquisitions

BIOGRAPHY

Eifert Tall trees and far horizons (early American Botanists) 301 p 1965
Wilson William Wolfskill 268 p 1965

CONSERVATION

Udall The quiet crisis 209 p 1963

FLORAS

Britton and Millspaugh The Bahama flora 659 p 1962
Touring Club Italiano La flora 275 p 1958

GENETICS

Lerner The genetic basis of selection 298 p 1958
Roberts Plant hybridization before Mendel 374 p 1965
Wright Genetics of forest tree improvement 399 p 1962

HISTORY

Crawford The storied past of the Rancho San Pedro 1955

HORTICULTURE

Brooks Western fruit gardening 287 p 1953
Hillier Dwarf conifers 83 p 1964

PLANT LORE

Brownlow Herbs and the fragrant garden 223 p 1963
Coats Garden shrubs and their histories 416 p 1964

PLANT PHYSIOLOGY

Strogonov Physiological basis of salt tolerance of plants 279 p 1964
White Plant tissue culture 553 p 1965
Whittingham The chemistry of plant processes 209 p 1965

TRAVEL

Schuler Gardens round the world 257 p 1964
Steele Flowers for the king (Spain and the Flora of Peru) 378 p 1964
Ward Plant hunter's paradise (Burma, Tibet) 347 p 1937

ZOOLOGY

Smith and Easton California condor, vanishing American 111 p 1964
Whitney The complete book of home pet care 552 p 1950

MISCELLANEOUS

Bottcher Wonder drugs - a history of antibiotics 285 p 1959 (tr 1963)
Grant The origin of adaptations 606 p 1963

From the Education Division

Adult Education Fall Enrollment: At the Arboretum - Home Horticulture (Mark Anthony) 60; Botany for Everyone (Gil Dominguez) 24; Botanical Sketching (Gerry Patten) 19; Plant Identification (Dr. Enari) 27; Home Landscaping (Norm Isbell) 48. A new daytime class in Plant Identification (Dr. Enari) in cooperation with the California Arboretum Foundation - 23. At Descanso Gardens: Home Horticulture (Frank Simerly) 69; Home Landscaping (Norm Isbell) 47; Botanical Sketching (Gerry Patten) 18.

The Arboretum Gardener School began the 1965-66 year on Monday, October 4 with 12 students. Current lecture topics are Botany and Entomology. Current practical work is located in the Display Garden. Gardener Kenji Tokushige, instructor of the practical work, prepared a written outline describing the work the students will perform. This type of interest is appreciated by both students and administration.

Radio KRLA has offered the Department three minutes of air time on Saturday afternoons between 2:50 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Our program called "The Garden Doctor," features horticultural tips and Department activities. Tour Guide Ed Pugh writes the scripts and Dr. Martin narrates.

Descanso Gardens -

Youth Education Section: Tak Niija reports an expanded program in action this fall. A new group of Advanced Gardening students is meeting every Saturday. The Garden Class has seed in and seedlings ready to plant this week. All of Tak's hard won facility improvements, workbench, slab, and greenhouse are put to intensive use.

Mrs. D'Autremout, who has long participated in the program, has taken on the Nature program for selected Youth Groups in addition to her course for BSA Nature Merit Badge. More volunteers are needed as more than half of all the applicants could not be accepted.

South Coast Botanic Garden -

Arrangements have been made to have one School Field Trip per week for this semester. This public service is the contribution of the time and talent of Mrs. Kenneth Norris of Portuguese Bend. She expects to select at least two trainees who will make possible the expansion of this program.

On October 20 a new Youth Education Committee will meet there with Mrs. Woods to consider facilities and volunteers for opening a pilot program of Childrens' Garden Workshops.

Arboretum -

Three volunteer teachers are assisting with the Arboretum workshops. Mrs. Zabuiski, South Pasadena; Mrs. Odell, San Marino; and Mrs. Meyer of San Gabriel. With all this help and 138 children registered, nearly half that number had to be refused for this quarter.

Don Herman's Garden Class put out a phenomenal amount of work despite the 100° temperature for Planting Day last Saturday. Radishes and turnips are bursting out of the ground as lettuce, chard, and kohlrabi go in today.

The Youth Education Greenhouse is having a major operation. The new slab walkway is in and bench tops ready to install. All our plants will be repotted with fresh labels to heighten standards of operation for the children who come here to learn.

They are not the only ones who come! Last Saturday three teachers, one each from Sweden, Scotland, and New Zealand came to see how we conduct our classes. Inquiry came, too, from Tucson Public Schools for information on our work with the Retarded Students. This month we have more than 200 teachers coming on a 2-point Institute schedule and, in addition, two classes of student teachers from Cal-State. Good news travels - no?

From the Business Office

Greetings to the following new employees: Edward Hargrove, PMMH at the Arboretum; Carl Hoefle, PMMH; Ernest Landell, PMMH, both at Descanso Gardens, and James Buchanan, PMMH; Marcelino Mendoza, PMMH; Harry Zimmerman, PMMH, Joy Leighton, Typist-Clerk, all of South Coast.

From the Foundation

Members of the staff are cordially invited to the Fall Flower Show Preview shich the Foundation is presenting on Friday, October 29. Refreshments will be served at 8:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room.

New items at the Foundation Book Shop:

Four new Mockel Correspondence Cards - two especially suited for Christmas Greeting Cards

Historical Plates with sketch of Queen Anne Cottage

New 35 mm slides of Arboretum Scenes.

NOTE: KITCHEN PRIVILEGE

It is a privilege for us to have a kitchen with a very nice stove and regrigerator, but it is the responsibility of each one who uses them to keep them in good condition. If we, on occasion, use the stove, especially the oven and broiler, we MUST CLEAN it IMMEDIATELY after use. Food that is put in the refrigerator must not be allowed to accumulate or spoil. Recently there have been some bad experiences in this regard, so if you use the refrigerator do not store food and forget it!!

Dishes are there to be used but should be WASHED CLEAN and should never be put away dirty or HALF CLEAN. NEVER remove dishes or cutlery from the kitchen WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION. NEVER use the dishes to bake in, even though they are oven-proof, they do not stand this type of usage.

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP IT A KITCHEN OF WHICH WE CAN BE PROUD!!